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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN OPIC OFFICER TO EGYPT

REF: STATE 54571

1. FOLLOWING MY RETURN TO CAIRO, I HAVE SEEN REFTEL AND HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF SUGGESTION MADE TO MINECONCOOP SHAFEI OF ASSIGNING OPIC OFFICER FOR INVESTMENT PROMOTION. SHAFEI, I AM TOLD, WAS AGREEABLE AND OFFERED PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE AND SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE. SO FAR AS I CAN TELL, THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC MISSION FOR SUCH AN OPIC OFFICER.

2. REGRETTABLY, THE SUBJECT WAS NOT DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY PRIOR TO PRESENTATION TO GOE AND I FRANKLY WONDER WHAT SUCH AN OFFICER WOULD DO TO KEEP HIMSELF FULLY OCCUPIED. INVESTMENT PROMOTION ALREADY HAS HIGH PRIORITY IN THE EMBASSY'S OPERATION, BUT WE SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT LIMITED SUCCESS TO DATE IS DUE TO LACK OF RESIDENT OPIC OFFICER. UNFORTUNATELY, GOE EFFORTS IMPROVE INVESTMENT CLIMATE AS PART OF "OPEN DOOR" POLICY HAVE THUS FAR BEEN INADEQUATE FOR THE PURPOSE. THE POINT HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN MADE TO GOE OFFICIALS
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FROM PRESIDENT SADAT ON DOWN BY RESPECTED USG

OFFICIALS AND AMERICAN PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN. IF GOE TAKES ACTIVE STEPS (INSTEAD OF MERE TALK) TO IMPROVE INVESTMENT CLIMATE, I VENTURE TO BELIEVE THAT MORE OF THE HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WHO VISIT EMBASSY COMMERCIAL SECTION EACH MONTH WOULD ON THEIR OWN SERIOUSLY SEEK TO DEVELOP LOCAL INVESTMENTS. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION IS NO REAL PROBLEM. IF GOE DOES NOT DO SO, I DOUBT THAT RESIDENT OPIC OR ANY OTHER OFFICER CAN INDUCE HARD-HEARTED AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN TO RISK LOCAL INVESTMENT.

3. BEFORE WE GO DOWN THE ROAD TOO FAR ON RESIDENT OPIC OFFICER, WHO IN PRESENT INVESTMENT CLIMATE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO MUCH, I THINK WE NEED SERIOUSLY CONSIDER WHETHER SUCH AN OFFICER WOULD IN FACT HAVE A FULL-TIME MISSION AND WHAT THAT MISSION WOULD BE. PUTTING HIM INTO SHAFEI'S OFFICE WILL ASSUREDLY BEFORE LONG DRIVE HIM UP THE WALL IN SHEER FRUSTRATION. WHILE I HAVE AN OPEN MIND ON THE SUBJECT, IN ABSENCE SOME CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT SUCH OFFICER WOULD DO, I QUESTION HIS VALUE TO THE EMBASSY.

4. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, I HAVE SOUGHT TO KEEP THIS MISSION IN LOWEST POSSIBLE PROFILE. I HAVE ONLY AGREED TO ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICERS FOR DEMONSTRATED, ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS. NEITHER STATE NOR OTHER AGENCY PERSONNEL SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO CAIRO PURELY AS A GIMMICK.

5. HAVE JUST RECEIVED STATE 60988. MIDDLETON IS WELCOME.
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